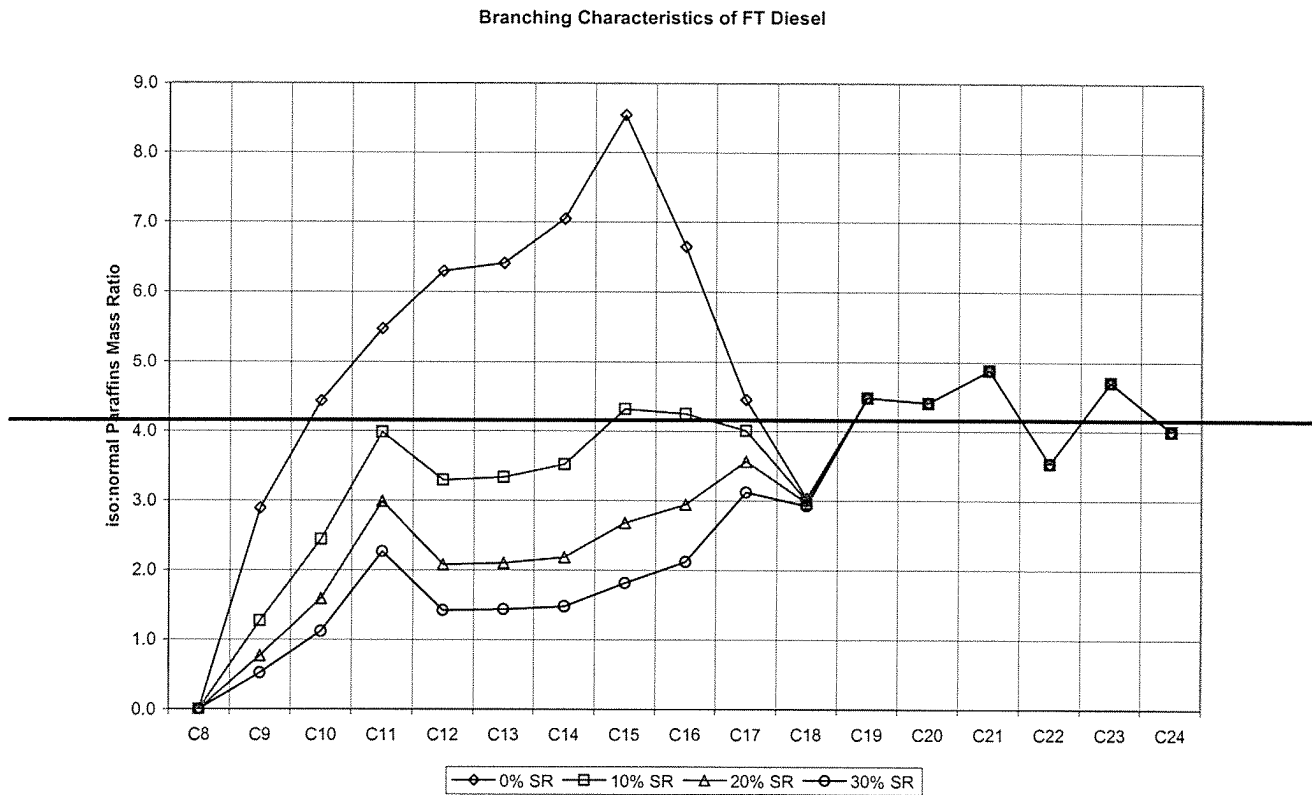


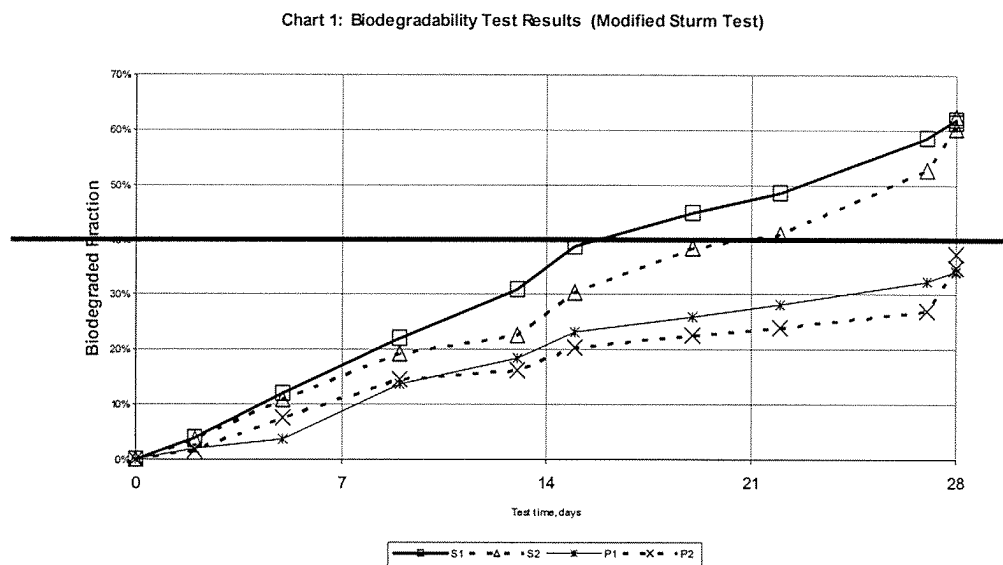
### Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please delete the graph beginning on page 6, line 1, as indicated below:



Please delete the graph appearing on page 17, line 1, as indicated below: .



Please insert new Drawing Sheets 2 and 3, provided with this Amendment, following Drawing Sheet 1.

Please insert the following new paragraph beginning at page 6, line 1:

Branching Characteristics of FT Diesel versus iso:normal paraffins mass ratio are also described in Figure 2.

Please insert the following new paragraphs beginning at page 9, line 6:

### **Description of the Drawings**

Figure 1 is a schematic representation.

Figure 2 is a graphical representation of branching characteristics of FT Diesel.

Figure 3 is a graphical representation of biodegradation over time entitled “Chart 1: Biodegradability Test Results (Modified Sturm Test).”